



ATTENTION FAMILY MEMBERS:

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD CHOOSING A MAJOR THAT IS RIGHT FOR THEM

1. DON'T PRESSURE THEM INTO YOUR PROFESSION/FIELD OF CHOICE!

- ☐ While it may seem like a good idea, it is surprisingly uncommon among college students
- ☐ In a recent survey of seventeen students, only two have chosen a field similar to their parents.
- ☐ Most students aren't too worried about job security either, as it only influenced four of the seventeen students to choose their major.

2. INSTEAD, STUDENTS TEND TO STAY WITH A MAJOR THAT THEY ASSOCIATE POSITIVE FEELINGS WITH

- ☐ Fifteen out of seventeen students report that they are happy in their current major.
- ☐ Some students in the survey noted that they wanted to make a difference in life or improve themselves through their major.
- ☐ A lot of students choose a major from something they excelled at in high school.
- ☐ Students also pick up minors if they have a strong interest in the field or they think that it will go along well with their major.

3. CHANGING THEIR MAJOR IS A POSSIBILITY

- ☐ Ten out of the seventeen students reported that when they were incoming freshmen, they were very committed to their major and had no second thoughts.
- ☐ Six of the seventeen students had already changed their major at least once, and four others plan on doing so soon.
- ☐ Some of the reasons students gave for changing their major was that they lost interest or that they got into a program they had originally wanted to be in.

4. YOUR SUPPORT IS NECESSARY!!

- ☐ Eight of the seventeen students reported that they had received positive encouragement from their family and friends.
- ☐ Only one student in the survey received negative pressure from a family member, but chose to ignore it.
- ☐ Students also tend to be happier in their major when they have a support group from family members and friends.

